Poor life condition of Gonds in Lalitpur District, U.P.

2558. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite Central Government sponsored development schemes and poverty alleviation programmes, there are villages where people live in abject poverty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gonds of several villages in Lalitpur District of Uttar Pradesh live in poverty, hunger and illness; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take immediate measures to improve their living condition?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development have not received any report about villages where people live in abject poverty. However, the Government are aware that people in some villages are still Below the Poverty Line.

(b) The State Government have reported that though a number of people amongst Gonds of several villages in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh live Below the Poverty Line, there is no such report that they live in abject poverty, hunger and illness.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development have been impressing upon the State Governments to implement the existing Rural Development Programmes efficiently and effectively so that the benefits of the programmes could reach the target group (BPL families).

Rural Development Schemes

2559. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rural schemes announced by the Government for the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the number of beneficiaries for the last five years;